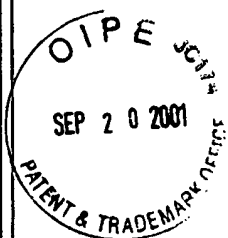


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Peter GEISTLICH *et al.*) Box Missing Parts
Application No. 09/925,728) Attention:
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For: METHOD FOR PROMOTING REGENERATION
OF SURFACE CARTILAGE IN A DAMAGED
JOINT USING MULTI-LAYER COVERING

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Dear Sir:

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) dated August 23, 2001, response copy attached, a Declaration and Power of Attorney identifying the above-referenced application by Serial Number and Filing Date is being herewith submitted.

Also attached is a check in payment of the following fees:

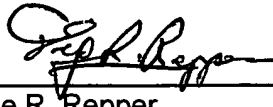
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36.00 (additional claims fee)
\$456.00 TOTAL

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment for the payment of the filing fee, any extra claims fees or the surcharge to deposit account number 02-2135. An additional copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

The following document is being submitted concurrently under separate cover:

- Assignment w/1619 and \$40.00 check.

Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$36.
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- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 456.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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